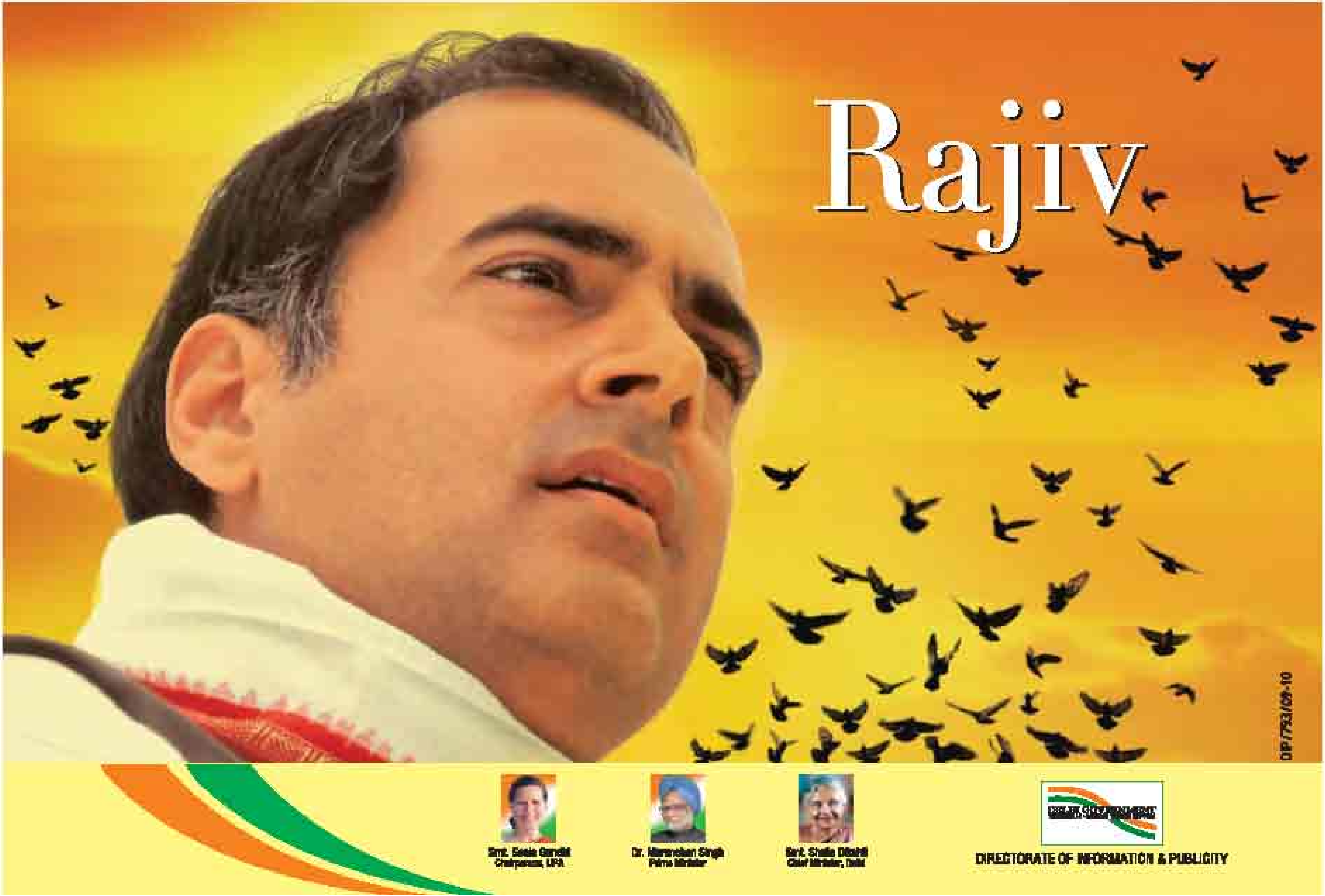
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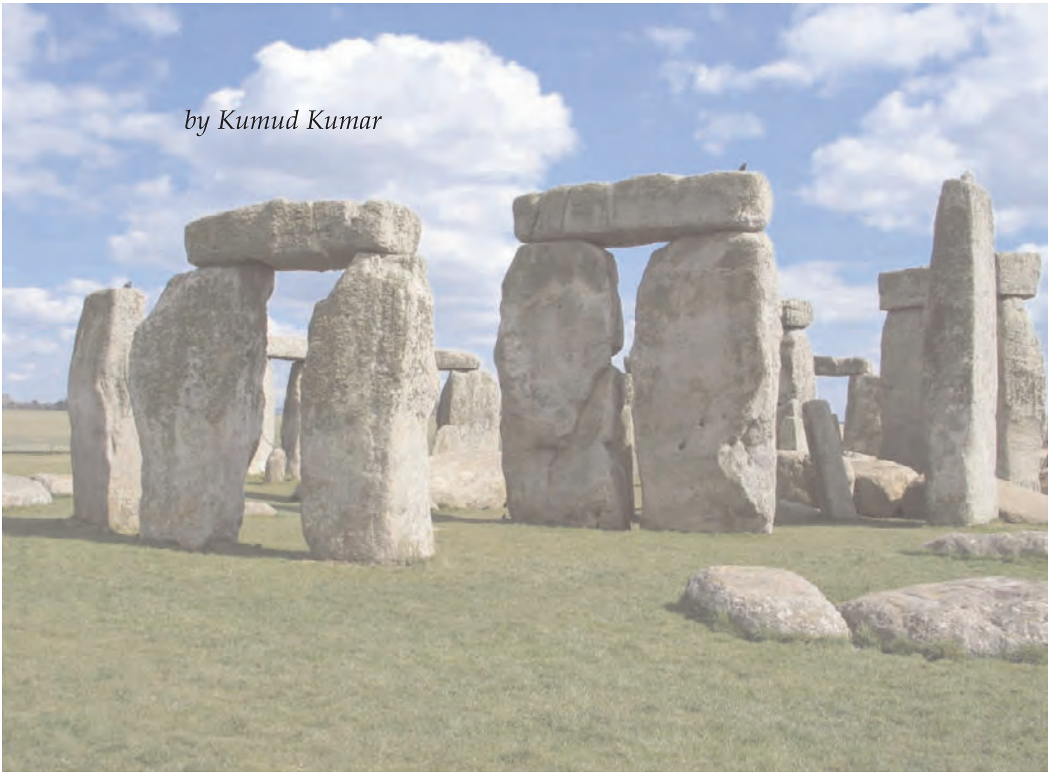
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by Kumud Kumar

Stonehenge Monuments

JUMPY MONKEY'S uncle lived in London. He was Professor of Geography in the University.

Uncle invited Jumpy and his parents to come to London in summer vacations.

Jumpy had been eagerly waiting to go to London some day.

That day arrived and Jumpy landed

in London with his parents.

Professor uncle welcomed them at the airport and took them home in his car. He told them that he would take them to visit Stonehenge monuments the next day.

Jumpy was inquisitive, "But uncle, where are these monuments?"

"Dear son, these monuments are situated in the Salisbury Plain which are in the southern part of Britain.

"Tomorrow when we reach there, I will tell you in details about it. Right now you are tired, take rest," uncle suggested.

Next day Professor took Jumpy and his parents to Salisbury Plain in his car.

"What are these high stones standing in these plains?" Jumpy was astonished at seeing them.

"These are the Stonehenge monuments. Can you guess the height of these stones?"

"How tall are they, uncle?"

"There height is about 13 feet. They are made of bluestone (dolerite), standing erect since more than 3,000 years, experiencing the sun, wind, rain and hail."

Jumpy and his parents were listening to the Professor with amazement.

The Professor advanced. Jumpy too moved with him.

"But uncle, why is this big stone lying on top of these standing stones?"

"To join the top of all the standing stones, the craftsmen have very carefully and meticulously carved the rocks to join the top edges of the



stones. They have given it a shape of a circumference."

"But who made these monuments 3,000 years earlier, uncle?"

"Dear Jumpy, lots of research have been done on it but all researchers have different opinion on the subject."

"Some believe that white robed Dravids of Britain and Gaul provinces got them constructed."

"Famous architect Inigo Jones of 17th century gives the credit of making Stonehenge monuments to Roman sculptures. But Elliot Smith believes that

they were constructed by Finish or Egyptians," he explained farther.

Now Jumpy looked at the stones carefully. He was very curious.

"Tell me, uncle whoever got these Stonehenge monuments made, why did he get them made at all?"

"You have asked a nice question, Jumpy. But the answer to the question is as strange as the monuments."

"Modern scientists have considered it a geographical laboratory. In 1840, Edward Duke told a very interesting thing in this regard."

"What interesting thing, uncle?"

"He said that the stone monuments standing in Salisbury Plain all together depict the theory of 'Hundred.' The monuments of Stonehenge depict the path of Saturn.

"And you know Jumpy, scientists of geography at Boston University in America—Gerald S. Hawkins and Sir Norman Lacquer—believe Stonehenge monuments to be some kind of complicated computers. Speed of sun and autumn transition can be easily studied by these monuments."

"Then, there is all the reason to believe uncle that man's ancestors were great artists and scientists."

"Sure. That is why man is amazed at seeing their artistic works and monuments."

"As we are spellbound at seeing these monuments of Stonehenge," Jumpy said.

Jumpy's parents and uncle smiled. Then, they all returned to London by the same car. ●



Colour the picture.



It is Funtime

Sunny: **I save 100 rupees every day.**

Mummy: **How?**

Sunny: **The park, which I visit for my morning walk has a warning plate which reads 'Plucking flowers will attract 100 rupees fine'.**

Mummy: **But how you save money with this warning?**

Sunny: **Because I never pluck flowers.**

—Raju, Mumbai.

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Neha: **Okay, now tell me why the sun never rises at night?**

Nikki: **No, it does rise at night.**

Neha: **But then why you don't see it?**

Nikki: **How on earth you will see the sun at night?**

—Anu, Chennai.

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Teacher: **You see the world as you are.**

Sonu: **So do you also see the world as 'teacher'.**

—Naveendra, Kolkata.

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Mantu swallowed 25 paise coin and he was taken to the doctor by his father.

Doctor said: **Mantu, you just do not worry, everything will be all right.**

Mantu: **I was scared to guess if you will give me 25 paise coin or you will keep it for yourself.**

—Deepa Bisht, Almora.

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Manu was beaming his torchlight towards the sky.

Mummy asked: **Manu, what are you focusing at?**

Manu: **I am counting the stars in the sky.**

—Bhawna, Nainital.

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Papa: **Pappu, where are you going with the balance in your hands?**

Pappu: **Teacher had suggested that I should answer after properly balancing my thoughts?**

—Ramesh Kumar, Delhi.

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Annu: **Why does bear have long hair?**

Shruti: **Because there are no barber shops in the jungle.**

—Raj Laxmi, Gorakhpur.

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Vicky: **My father gets delighted when other people poke their nose in his business.**

Nicky: **Why? What is his business?**

Vicky: **He manufactures tissue papers.**

—Manish Kumar, Varanasi.

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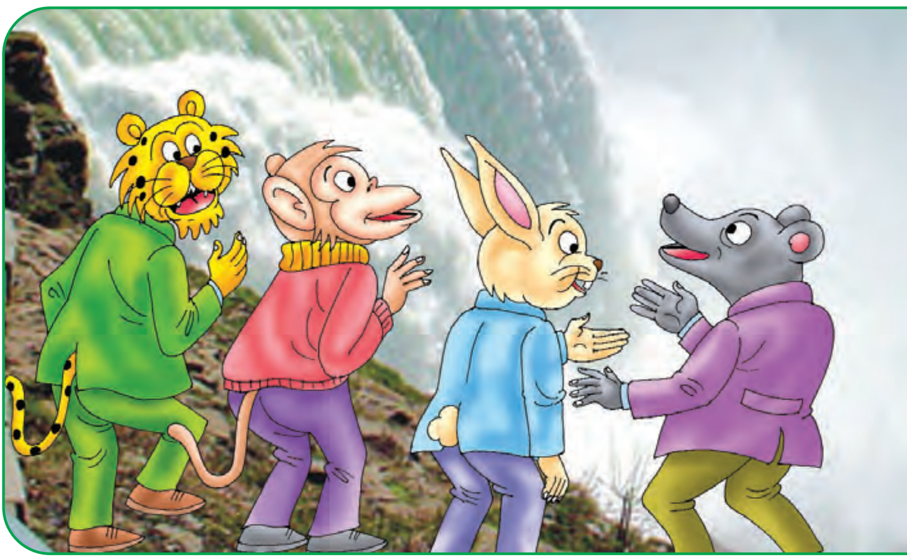


"WHAT?" BHALLA Bear asked surprisingly, "One chocolate costs 2 Canadian dollars? That means 80 rupees," Shash Chand Rabbit's moustache twitched, "Jhum didi had told the same earlier."

"Let us all eat from one," Kapikant Monkey suggested a solution.

All the 3 friends and Bindi Lal Leopard had come to visit Canada through Forest Cultural Council. They had travelled from Delhi to Frankfurt in Germany and from there a direct flight to Montreal. They had put up in the flat of Jhum didi which was in front of McGill University of Montreal. Their brother-in-law Rupai was teaching in the university.

Yesterday, all 4 had visited Notre Dam Church. Today, they had gone to see the Niagara Falls. The real Cathedral Notre Dam is in Paris but in 1763 the country was under the rule of French. Therefore, some buildings and roads are named after them. In the language of the tribals, 'Canata' means a village or a colony. In 1545 Jacques Cartier named the country so. A confederation was formed here in 1867



and then it became a constitutional monarchy under Elizabeth II. In order to go to Niagara from Montreal, one has to come to Toronto first.

Two wonderful trains go till there. The government owned VIA train is cheaper and reaches in 5 hours. It charges 130 dollars. The second one is a private, a green double-decker which is costlier. All the 4 were going by the VIA. Looking out from the window Bindi Lal was amazed, “What are they playing with a hockey-like stick with a net similar to one used in basketball.”

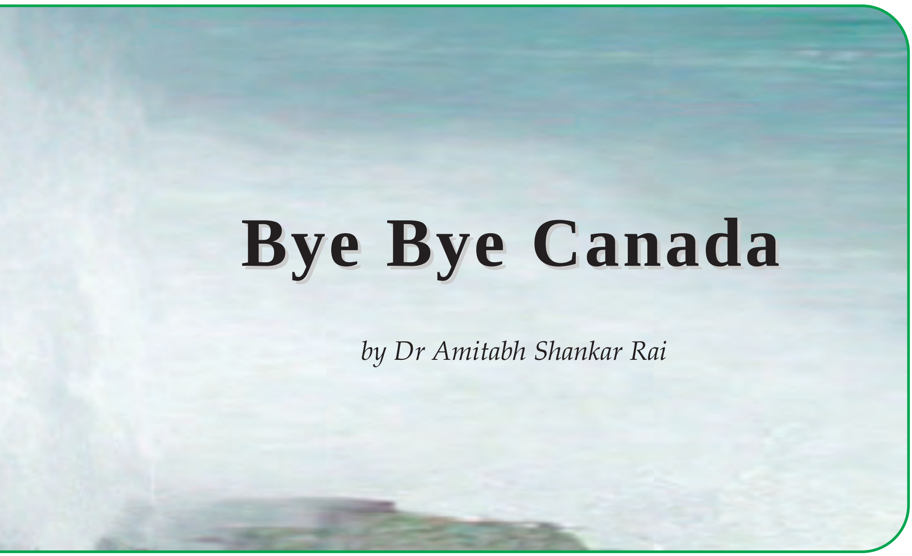
“It is a mixture of both, 'Lacrosse,” Kapikant looked up the guide and said, “This is the game played in summers.”

“And ice hockey in winters,” Shash Chand also informed.

“Yes, on snow. Three months—from December to February—are frozen with snow. The temperature goes down to minus 30-40 degrees.”

“Really,” and Bhalla was shivering even inside a coat.

“Why are you frightened?” said Bindi Lal, “You



Bye Bye Canada

by Dr Amitabh Shankar Rai



will turn from a black bear into a white polar bear if you stay here."

"Yes, you stay back and you will become a snow leopard."

"How do people here talk in winters. Their words too might be getting frozen," Shash Chand smiled.

"They light a candle and sit across over it and talk so that their words don't freeze," Kapi joked.

Toronto is the biggest town of Canada. All were amazed at seeing Bata's museum here. All the shoes of different varieties were available here. Right from wooden soled sandal to full boots made in China to African slippers made from leaves. The friends asked Bhalla, "Let us take shoes for you from here."

"My toes are narrower and heels are bigger as I have to stand on them," and all had a hearty laugh.

Toronto has the world's highest CN Tower which

is 553 m high. On the way is Canada's capital Otawa in Ontario state. It takes 3 hours to reach Niagara which is 120 km from Toronto.

The rail fare is 100 dollars. The station is a red-coloured small building adorned with 2 Christmas trees in front. Canada is basically not a crowded place but it is a hub of tourists. In the month of April brick and yellow-coloured maple tree leaves were spread on the ground all over, appearing as if flames of fire were dancing, extending from the trees to the paths.

Maple leaves, Otter, Ducks, Queen's crown, 'Inukshuk' tribals place of worship and their punishment 'Totem pole'—these are the cultural symbols of Canada.

With a width of 2,600 feet the Niagara Waterfall is situated on the border of Canada and America, from Ontairo to Iris Lake. It is 58 km long. About 1,68,000 cubic metre of water falls from it every minute. The part that lies in Canada is horse shoe shaped which is in Goat island. Its height here is 173 feet. Two of its parts lie in America, where they are called America Fall and Brindle Well Falls. Rupai had told them that the highest fall in the world is situated in Venezuela called Angel Fall which is 3,230 feet (979 m) high.

"Buzur," means Halo. On hearing this word from Jhum didi, they were greeting other tourists in French.

There was a 32-storey hotel in front. One could sit and eat there and enjoy the fall. A rainbow was last seen in 1860 which was formed by the rays of the moon on its water. Every year hundreds of weddings take place here. There are arrangements for many types of trips too. Enjoying the fog in a

boat, hearing the song of the fall from behind it, a trip in the jet boat etc. Frozen drops of water in winter form a sculpture, a breathtaking view from the helicopter.

Tiny drops of water were showered on them. All the 4 jumped into a boat wearing white plastic raincoat. Their head went round on seeing an awful view. Then passing through the tunnel, they reached behind the waters. The sound of falling waters in front was deafening. The 4 friends clung to one another. "I can climb a tree but here my head is revolving," said Bindi Lal.

"If I fall I will reach, god knows where," Shash Chand was utterly frightened.

Kapikant joked, "Lake Iris and then America. Take a flight to Delhi from there."

All of them were hungry. Jhum Didi had packed potato sandwiches for them. "You will not find small eatable kiosks like in our country here. Restaurants are very expensive." Everyone had something to eat and threw the packets in the waste bin.

Bhalla was very happy after having sandwiches.

Kapikant did not like having milk and cornflakes in the morning.

Turning the pages of the guide book, Shash Chand said, "Canada is the third most developed country amongst 180 countries. On corruption levels it is ninth in number which means there is a lot of transparency and honesty. It ranks sixth in 146 countries in clean environment." The 4 remembered their country. It was just a little more quiet here.

When the 4 returned, brother-in-law Rupai opened the door. "Mercy Bokon," meaning

'welcome'. Before going to bed Jhum didi said, "If you want to talk to mother, you can ring her up. It is 11 p.m. just now. It means it will be 9.30 in the morning the next day there.

India lies in the eastern latitude. So the day starts earlier there."

The next day, their brother-in-law took them to show penguin in the Biodome in Montreal. The town is situated at the banks of the Laurence River. In winters when the river or Lechin canal freezes, people come here for skating and skiing. Then after seeing white whale in Nunavut, they went to see Grizzly Bear in Bend National Park. They can be brown or black in colour weighing anything between 300 to 1,500 pounds. They have a hunch on their back. Being the strongest bear they can run at a speed of 35 km. Their fur have a silvery tinge on the edges. That is why they are named Grizzly. When the snow melts, they give birth to 1-4 children, weighing a pound.

"The white polar bears are their distant relatives. They are found in Churchil near Gulf of Hudson. In search of seals they venture into human habitations and attack men too," Rupai informed.

They had to meet school children as well. Children played football, volleyball and other games with great interest. Winter Olympic of 2010 will be held in Vancouver.

When they were leaving, brother-in-law and Jhum didi came to see them off at Tudor airport. They presented everyone a box of 11 chocolates.

All of them asked, "When will you come to our country, Jhum didi?"

"I will try during Durga Puja. Can't say anything now. I talk to mother on phone. Tell father not to be disappointed," and she had tears in her eyes. ●

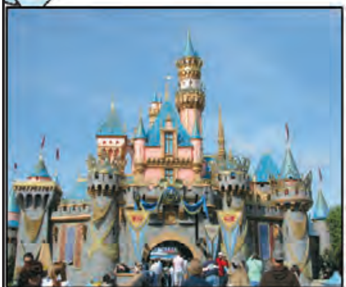
Disneyland





The Disneyland is situated in California in the southwest of America.

Walt Disney laid the foundation of the Disneyland. Thousands of tourists visit the Disneyland.





The Disneyland has lots of amusing items. You can see life size mechanically operated cartoon characters moving around in the Disneyland. Prominent among the famous cartoon characters are Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy.

Going around the Disneyland has its own fun.



Leaning Tower of Pisa



The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of the famous wonders of the world.

The thickness of its wall is 4 metres wide approximately. It has 8 storeys and is 55 metres tall. The tower has 300 stairs. This tower has already leaned to the extent of 5 metres.

During the last 100 years the tower has leaned 30 centimetres further. It is a place of greatest tourist attraction for every tourist visiting Italy.





Smart Vixen

ONCE A lion lived in Champakvan. He was cruel.

He used to kill many animals at a time. He often injured animals for nothing. All the animals were worried because of the cruel lion.

One day, the animals convened a meeting and they invited the cruel lion as well. They suggested the lion, "Everyday, we will send you an animal which you can eat and satisfy your hunger."

The lion agreed to the promise from the animals.

That day onwards everyday one animal was sent to the lion, which was his daily food.

One day, it was the vixen's turn to be the food of the lion. She, however, was a smart vixen. She purposely reached very late at the lion's house. The

lion was very angry. He demanded the reason for her delay.

The vixen humbly replied, "Your Honour! I am very sorry for being late, but I was too tempted to stop by for a very tasty and tempting food on the way."

The lion too was tempted and he said, "Better you tell me the place where I can find the tasty food. I will have the tasty food and let you go."

The vixen took the lion to a place which was littered with round glittering stones.

The moment lion moved ahead to eat, he was warned by vixen, "Wait... your Honour! These are raw. Once they are ripe, they will be more tastier."

The vixen lit the fire and placed the stones in the fire.

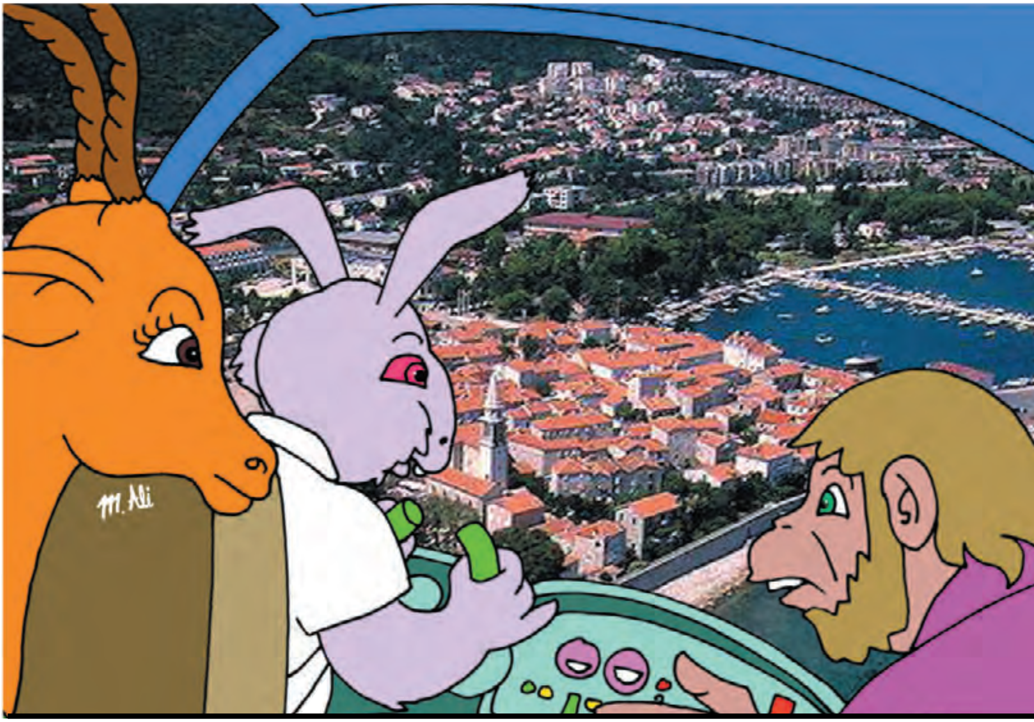
Little later the stones became red hot. The vixen then put out the fire. The moment the lion moved ahead to eat the stone, his mouth was burnt.

He ran to the river for cool water. As he lowered his mouth to have water, the vixen bit him on his tail. This scared the lion and he fell in the water.

The vixen was delighted and came rushing to Champakvan to share the good news with the other animals of the jungle.

The news made the vixen a star of the jungle overnight and everybody was praising her for smartness.

—Mohit Solanki.



THE THREE little ones were exhausted and tired of sitting in the helicopter. Meeku Rabbit asked Jumpy Monkey, "Hope you had seen the map properly."

Hero Deer replied, "Yes, we both had seen together. Bosnia and Herzegovina is in Europe."

In fact, during his flight the map had slipped from Jumpy's hands and flown away.

by Ashesh

Where is Bosnia and Herzegovina?

All the 3 were watching the group of islands spread down below.

"It should be among these countries. I had contacted Blacky in Champakvan. He will take help of good maps and give us information. But the connectivity was not good," Meeku was upset.

Suddenly, they got connected.

"Yes Meeku, where are you just now?" Blacky asked.

"We came to Paris from London, and have just come a little ahead."

"Can you see the seas in front?"

"Yes, we are about to reach over the seas."

"If you are straight in the line of London and Paris, then listen to me carefully."

"Yes, go on."

Blacky said, "There is Monaco state close to you, a small one, and Italy at the left side. Turn towards Italy right now. Bosnia and Herzegovina is ahead of Italy.

"Do not worry, there is a group of 15-20 countries here but all countries together will be as big as India."

"How do we get down in Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina? What if we get down at a wrong place?"

Irritated Blacky said, "You are uselessly scared. Don't be foolish. Get down wherever you can. You will get a map anywhere."

"O good," Meeku shouted, "we will get fresh food too."

After some time, all the 3 landed. Some animals and birds came to see them. The place was

extremely beautiful. Jumpy asked a monkey, "Which place is this?"

"Switzerland."

The 3 jumped with happiness.

"What is the matter, are you lost?" a crane asked.

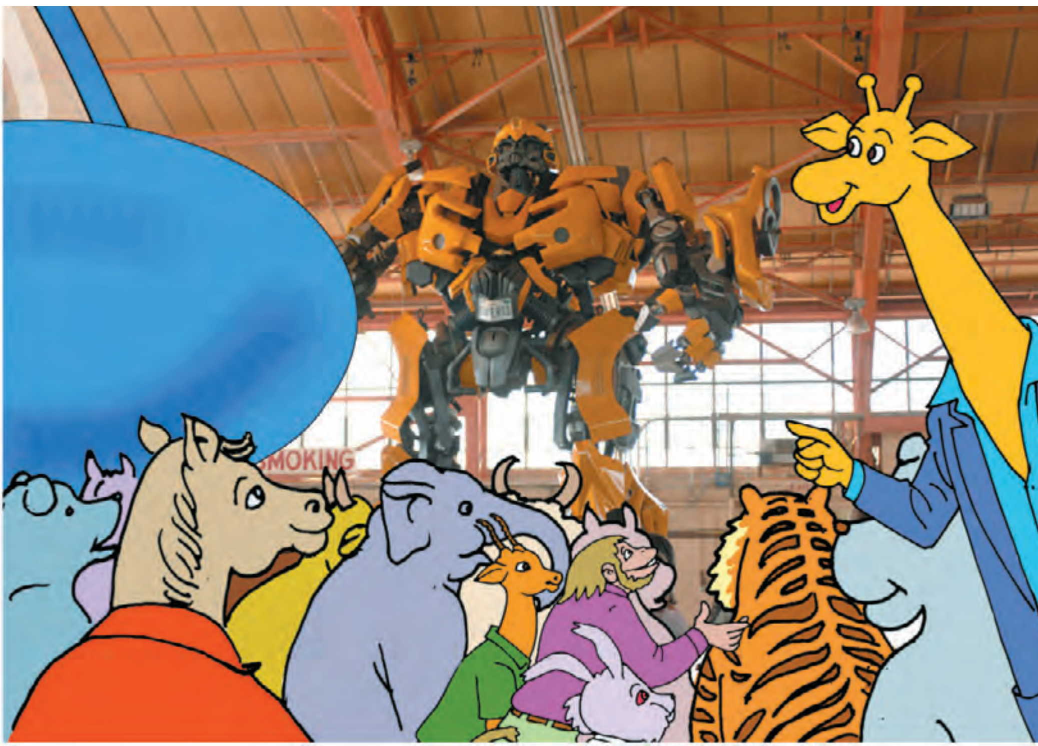
"We had to get down somewhere in Italy or Bosnia and Herzegovina but we have landed somewhere else."

"Don't worry, you are close to the boundary of Italy and Herzegovina."

A pigeon handed them over a map.

"We shall be here today," the 3 were very happy.

The monkey said, "Some film makers from India have come to shoot a film named, 'You are a donkey'. Have a look at it first."



When they went to see the shooting, the film's director Giraffe Chand borrowed their helicopter for some time. They had to shoot a hero fighting with a robot.

In the evening, they went to see the mountains of Switzerland.

“Now listen,“ Meeku said, “we had come to see Bosnia and Herzegovina but we realised that it is a group of many small and famous islands.”

Looking at the map Jumpy said, “France and Germany are also close to Switzerland.

The next day, they were roaming in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sitting quiet for a long time Hero Deer finally spoke, “We have Czech Republic and Slovakia ahead. On the right is Hungary and next to it is Slovenia. There are so many small countries that we can fly on top of them in half a day.”

“Yes, Croatia too is close by.”

Listening to them another monkey said, “At this time you are in Austria not Bosnia and Herzegovina. You have come to Austria from Switzerland. All the places you are thinking are Bosnia and Herzegovina are actually called Austria. See, so many boards displaying Austria.”

“Then where is Bosnia and Herzegovina?” the 3 shouted.

“Your map is correct but instead of turning right you have come a little ahead. All the little countries are so close to one another and joint together that with a little mistake you will reach somewhere else.”

They now turned to the right leisurely and

landed in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina jumping the boundary of Slovenia.

"Now I can say with confidence that we have Yugoslavia ahead of us and next to it is Sea of Croatia. Romania is not far. Bulgaria too is near. There is Netherlands in the open seas ahead and Greece after that.

"We are not far from Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea," Meeku said. "Hurray! We have seen so much...."

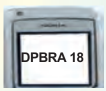
They were surrounded by many birds and animals and were ready to go with them anywhere.

A little later, some birds were going with them towards Turkey across the Black Sea in the helicopter. ●



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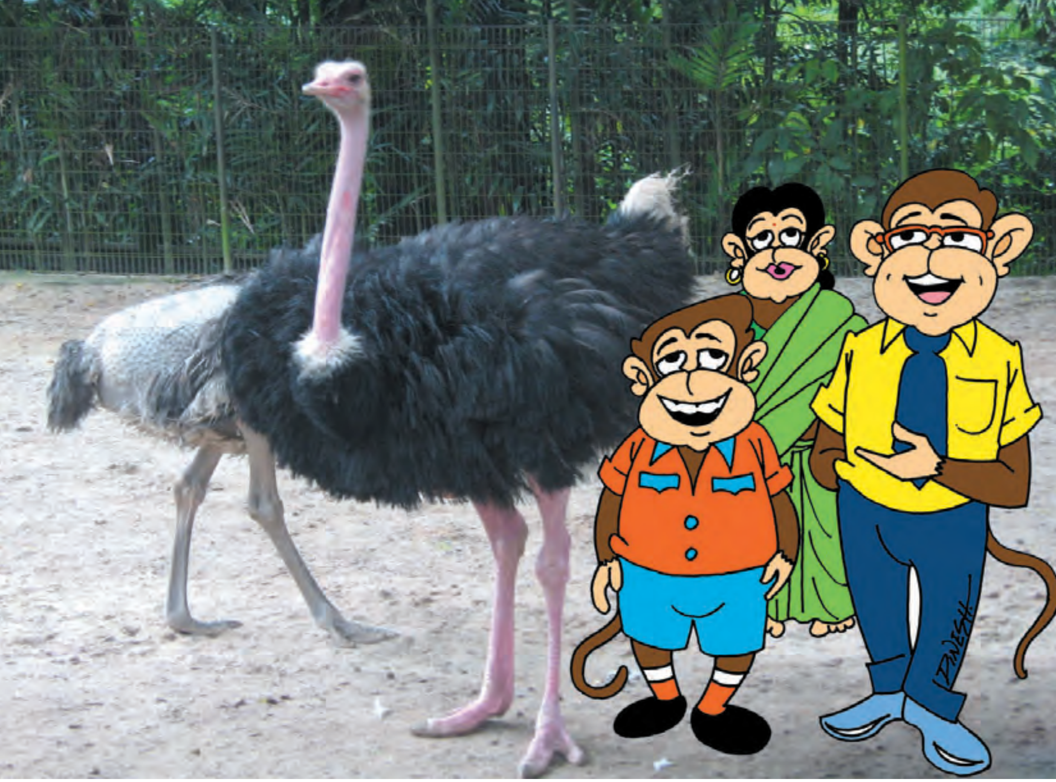
Jumpy's Singapore Trip

by Shailendra Saraswati

JUMPY MONKEY'S happiness knew no bounds. He had won first prize in a painting competition in his school organised by a toy-making company. He had got a prize of a trip to Singapore with his parents for 3 days.

The next day, they started for the trip. The toy company arranged their stay in a 5-star hotel in Singapore.

In the morning some-body knocked at Jumpy's door. On opening the



door, Jumpy saw a bear dressed as a guide standing in front of him.

"Good morning, sir. My name is Blacky Bear. I have been sent from the company's side as a guide to you," Blacky Bear informed.

Jumpy and his parents got ready and started for a visit to Singapore in a special vehicle.

"Mr Blacky, first of all tell us how did Singapore get its name and when did it come to existence?" Jumpy's father asked Blacky, who was driving the car.

"It is believed that in 14th century a Hindu prince of Sumatra island came for hunting here and seeing the lions of the jungles, called the land 'Singapore'.

"But it was actually founded in 1819 by Sir

Stemford Rafles, who had come here through the East India Company for trade."

"People of which country live in Singapore, uncle?" Jumpy asked Blacky.

The total population of this place which is smaller to your Mumbai also, is 35 lakh. Most of the people are Chinese and Malay and 8% are Indians," Blacky informed.

Blacky took Jumpy and his parents first to Jurong Bird Park.

"Jurong Bird Park is the biggest bird park of asia pacific region," Blacky said.

Jumpy enjoyed seeing hundreds of variety of birds. He particularly enjoyed seeing penguins who walked like humans on the snowy land of Southern hemisphere.

After the Bird Park, Blacky took them to Reptile Park. Here he saw many types of reptiles. There was a big crowd at one place in the park. A trainer was showing a stunt in a pond nearby by putting his head in a crocodile's mouth. When the trainer took out his head unhurt from the crocodile's mouth, everyone clapped in praise and surprise.

After that they all went to the Zoological Garden. Here Jumpy loved watching the trainer playing with the dolphins.

Seeing an underwater show, 'Sea Lions Dance Show' where lions played under water, Jumpy was excited and amazed.

The next day Blacky, Jumpy and his parents went to see the Science Centre, Sentosa Island, Parliament House and Chinese Buddist Monastery and Chinese and Japanese Park.

Jumpy liked the Science Centre very much. All

science related things were explained here through machine models.

"How green is the place and how disciplined the traffic is," while returning in the car to the hotel, Jumpy said.

"Sure enough, we in Singapore strongly believe in law and order and cleanliness," Blacky was proud of it.

Third and the last day they went to see Singapore Museum. They were shown the freedom fight of Singapore in a very interesting manner by a 3D video show. The show also showed how Indians contributed to Singapore's freedom movement.

After the show Jumpy and his parents enjoyed a ride on the magnetic rail running on the road and also shopped later in a shopping mall. Jumpy bought a pair of jeans, T-shirt and some toys for himself.

In the evening bidding goodbye to Blacky, giving him a gift Jumpy said, "Do visit us when you come to India."

Then after shaking hands with Blacky, the 3 left for India by flight. ●


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Coral reef the Great Barrier Reef along the coast of the Times, Queensland Australia, is 2,012 kilometres long and is the largest red coral reef in the world.



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The Japanese people call their country as Nippon, which means 'the land of rising sun.'



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Who Am I ?

1. When you are born, you don't have them.
   When you grow, they are your best friends.
   When you grow very old, you sometime lose them.
   Without them you miss everything.
2. Colourful wooden is his body.
   String is his best friend.
   Always ready to spin,
   To entertain and make you happy all the time.
3. Carries finger through its stomach.
   Carries precious stone on its head.
   Certainly it adds to your personality
   Can you guess it right?
4. Green is my royal dress,
   With a red necktie around my neck.
   I can imitate your voice,
   Can you guess who I am?

How Much Do You Know?

1. Art of kite-flying was developed in which country?
   (a) India. (b) Sweden.
   (c) Pakistan. (d) China.
2. Srinagar is situated on the banks of which river?
   (a) Brahmaputra. (b) Cavery.
   (c) Jhelam. (d) Ganga.
3. Purity of milk is measured by which instrument?
   (a) Barometer. (b) Lactometer.
   (c) Calorimeter. (d) Ameter.
4. Which town is known as city of gardens?
   (a) Kapurthala. (b) Chandigarh.
   (c) Varanasi. (d) Lucknow.
5. 'Garba' dance form is associated with which state?
   (a) Orissa. (b) Punjab.
   (c) Gujarat. (d) Uttar Pradesh.

Answers

Who Am I? : (1) Teeth. (2) Top. (3) Ring. (4) Parrot.
How Much Do You Know? : (1) d. (2) c. (3) b. (4) a. (5) c.



Cheeku
Das
CHEEKU, MEEKU AND DABOO SET OUT ON A WORLD TOUR.
NOW WE ARE IN THE JUNGLES OF AFRICA.
HOW DENSE IS THE FOREST.
VOW! I CAN SEE A LOT OF FRUITS. LET ME TASTE THEM.
I AM FEELING SLEEPY.
Z Z
CHEEKU, DABOO HAS GONE TO SLEEP.
I THINK THE FRUITS HERE ARE NOT GOOD. YOU FEEL SLEEPY IF YOU EAT THEM.
Z Z


SUDDENLY, FEW MEN ENTER THE JUNGLE.
I THINK SOMEBODY IS COMING.
HIDE IN THE BUSHES.
WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE SO TINY.
OH! THESE ARE THE PIGMIES, WHO LIVE IN THE JUNGLES OF AFRICA.
PIGMIES TOOK AWAY DABOO.
THESE PEOPLE TOOK AWAY DABOO.
I HAVE HEARD, THESE PEOPLE EAT WHATEVER THEY CAN FIND IN THE JUNGLE.
THEN WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THE JUNGLE RIGHT NOW.
NO, WE CANNOT LEAVE WHEN DABOO IS IN TROUBLE.


PIGMIES KEPT DABOO IN FRONT OF HUGE STATUE. SOME KIND OF JUICE WAS KEPT IN A POT. PIGMIES STARTED DANCING.
SOMEBODY HELP ME...
I FEEL THESE PEOPLE ARE PREPARING TO SACRIFICE DABOO.
I WILL JUST JOIN YOU.
CHEEKU RETURNED AFTER SOME TIME WITH SOME FRUITS. HE THREW THEM IN THE POT.
HOW THIS WILL HELP?
WAIT AND WATCH.
ALL THE PIGMIES WENT OFF TO SLEEP AFTER DRINKING THE WILD JUICE.


DID YOU SEE; THE FRUIT WHICH MADE DABOO SLEEP. I THREW THE SAME FRUIT IN THE POT WHICH HAD THE WILD JUICE.
NOW IT IS THE TIME TO RUN AWAY WITH DABOO.
HURRY UP! CUT THE ROPE.
HOW I HAVE COME HERE?
I WILL TELL YOU LATER. FIRST, GET AWAY FROM THIS PLACE FAST.
DAS.
I WILL REMEMBER THE DAYS IN AFRICA THROUGHOUT MY LIFE.

Colour the picture.



CHAMPAK CHEKERS–177

Rules of the Game

- Purpose of this game is to go around the world.
- You can start the game when you get 1 on your dice.
- If you don't have a dice, you can pick up your *Champak* magazine. Now with your eyes closed, open the magazine, count and move boxes as per the count of the last digit of the right hand side page number, such as 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

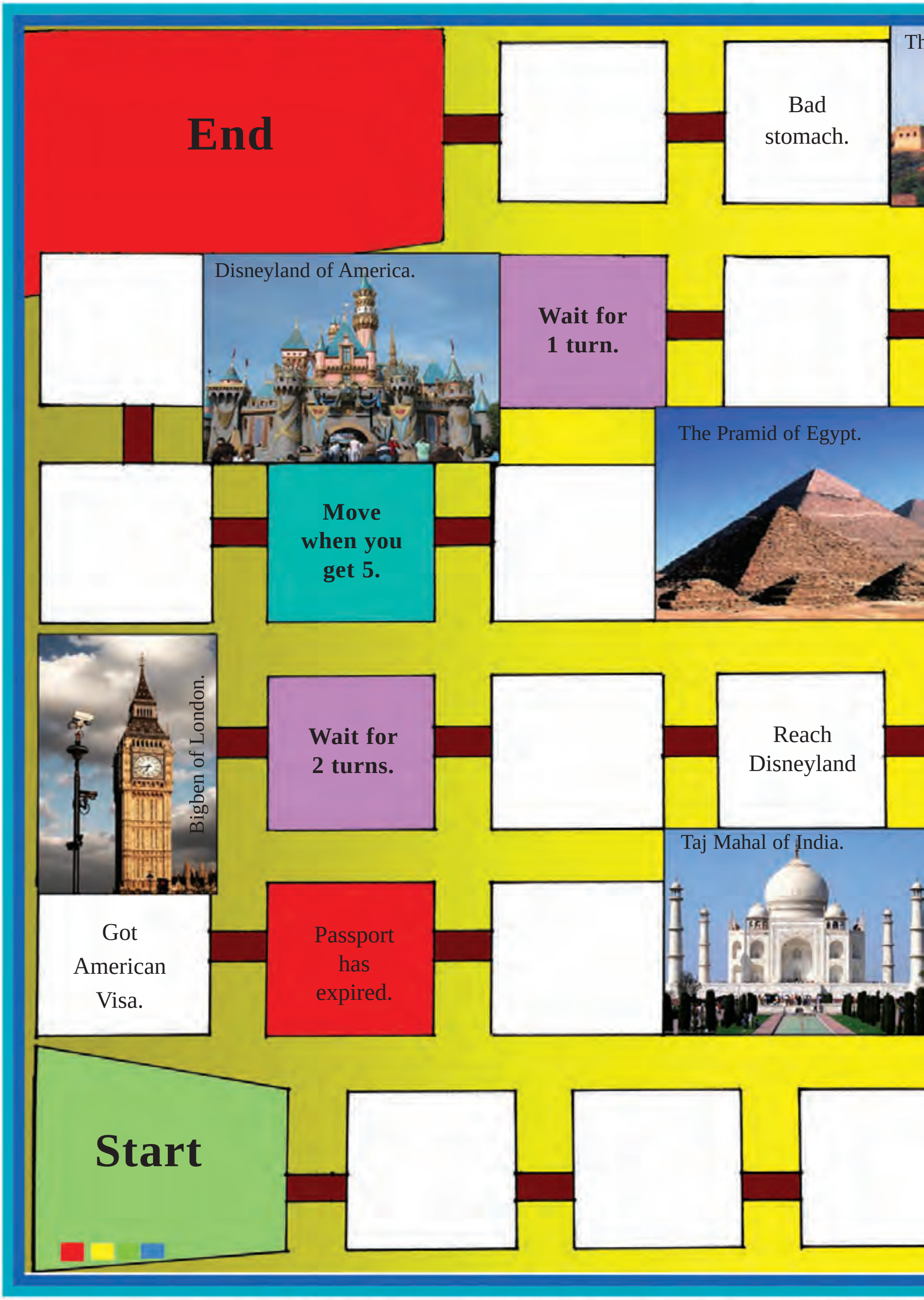


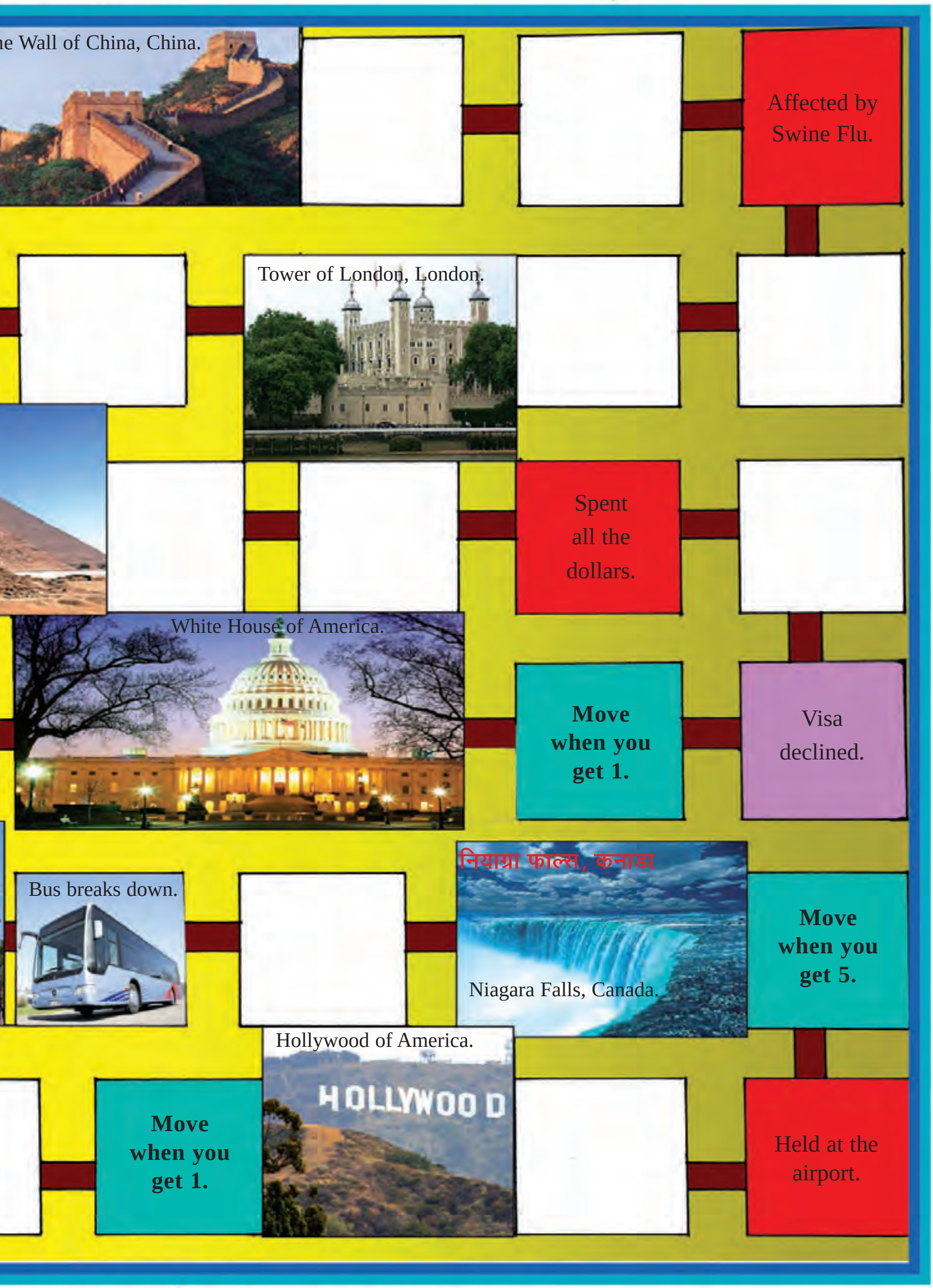
- Before starting the game, each player has to select the colour of his choice.
- While following the rules of the game throughout, the player who travels to the maximum numbers of places and reaches the end point, shall be the winner.

Points to remember:

- Affected by Swine Flu — Restart.
- Held at the airport — Restart.
- Passport has expired — Restart.
- Spent all the dollars — Restart.
- Bus breaks down — Leave 1 turn.
- Visa declined — Leave 2 turns.
- Got American Visa — Move 3 boxes forward.
- Taj Mahal — Move 4 boxes forward.
- Bad stomach — Move when you get 1.

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...e Wall of China, China.
Affected by Swine Flu.
Tower of London, London.
Spent all the dollars.
White House of America.
Move when you get 1.
Visa declined.
नियाग्रा फाल्स, कनाडा
Bus breaks down.
Niagara Falls, Canada.
Move when you get 5.
Hollywood of America.
HOLLYWOOD
Move when you get 1.
Held at the airport.

Roshan Babu



Jungle's Cat and

JINKO CAT lived in Sundervan. She had an enemy. She was searching for it for last 2 years so that she could eat it up and take her revenge. The enemy was Titu Rat. He had run away to Malaysia troubled by Jinko Cat's attacks on him everyday and was living happily there.

One day, Jinko came to know that Titu was enjoying himself in Penang city of Malaysia. She jumped with joy. She quickly looked for her passport and started preparing to go to Penang which is famous as 'Pearl of Orient'.

Next day, Jinko boarded the flight to Malaysia with her suitcase and after travelling for many hours, reached Penang.



by Jamshed Azmi

Malaysia's Rat

There she hired a room in a posh hotel near the sea and went out in search for Titu Rat after having meals.

Titu Rat worked in a Shopping Complex. He was taken aback at seeing Jinko Cat in his showroom.

He murmured to himself, "Oh, how has she arrived here? Surely, she has come here to devour me. Better run away or I will be dead soon."

He went to his master and requested, "Sir, I am working here since 2 years. I have not availed a single leave till today. These days I am not keeping very well. Please grant me 3 days leave."

"Well, your leave is granted. Take rest," the

master agreed as Titu was a good worker.

Titu ran as fast as possible but Jinko Cat saw him running. She too ran behind him shouting, “Stop Titu. I will not rest today till I catch you. Now you cannot escape from me.”

“Uf, Jinko has seen me. I will have to hide somewhere to save myself,” and Titu ran even faster.

He ran and reached the Thai Buddhist monastery 'Chayamangkalaram' and hid behind the reclining statue of Buddha. Jinko too came there searching for the rat. She looked into each and every corner of the monastery but could not find him.

Tired after running for so long, she too sat near Buddha's statue.

Seeing Jinko next to himself Titu started thinking of escaping from there. His eyes coincidently fell on a steel dish. Picking it up, he hit the cat with it on her head.

The cat screamed, “Ueeee……” she fell down and darkness prevailed in front of her eyes.

On the first opportunity Titu Rat fled and took respite in Snake Temple.

Snake Temple is a famous temple of Penang. There are lots of snakes in this temple which crawl everywhere as if guarding the temple.

Titu Rat screamed on entering the Snake Temple, “Save me brother snakes, a dangerous cat is after my life.”

“What? Such guts in the cat to kill someone in the temple. Let her come, we will teach her such a lesson that she will not forget her entire life,” all the snakes shouted in one voice.

Titu hid himself. In a little time when Jinko came there, the snakes got after her.

Jinko ran from there petrified. "This is a dangerous place. I must climb the wall if I have to save myself."

As soon as she climbed the wall, Titu Rat vanished from there challenging her. Jinko's eyes went red fuming in disgust. The snakes of the temple kept standing there till Titu fled to safety. Titu Rat straight went to Kota Cornwallis and eased out a little.

Malaysian fort is called Kota. This fort was built by Lord Cornwallis as a prison. Indian craftsmen worked to make the fort. Till now the fort houses the prison cells.

One of the cells in the fort is preserved for the tourists to have a first hand glimpse of earlier times. Other cells have been turned into a museum which has expensive picture and things.

Searching for her enemy Jinko reached Kota Cornwallis. She looked carefully at the fort. She loved it. Her eyes fell on Titu who was hiding in the cell and she leaped on him.

"This rogue has reached here too. It seems that the wicked cat will not let me live in





Malaysia," and Titu Rat jumped across the other side.

He came out of the fort and started running on the streets. He saw a Butterfly Park in between. He went inside and hid amongst the bushes, upset and shaking with fear.

There were lots of butterflies in the Butterfly Park along with water lizards as big as crocodiles.

When the butterflies saw Titu trembling with fear, they asked, "What is the matter, Titu? You look very disturbed? Tell us your problem. Maybe, we can help you."

Titu told them everything. The butterflies said, "Don't worry. We will help you. When the cat comes, we will give you cover."

After some time when Jinko Cat came to the Butterfly Park, the butterflies concealed Titu sitting over him.

Jinko was too happy to see the beautiful butterflies in the park but could not find Titu anywhere.

"Seems Titu has not come here. He has vanished somewhere. Well, where can he go after all? I will not go back to Sundervan without eating him," Jinko whispered to herself.

Titu once again was able to hoodwink Jinko Cat. He now went to Tioman beach to freshen up and sat sunbathing after dipping himself in the sea.

Jinko Cat reached there suddenly and was water scootering. She was enjoying that so much that even on seeing Titu, she did not bother.

Titu Rat too acted sensibly when he decided to leave Penang and go to Kuala Lumpur by bus.

But he did not know that Jinko Cat was sitting behind and that she was also going to Kuala Lumpur. The luxury bus travelling at a high speed crossed 3 km long Penang Tunnel to reach Kuala Lumpur after passing through the 13.5 km long 'Strait of Malacca' bridge made on the seas.

As it stopped, Titu got down quickly and went to the Petronas Tower in a taxi. Jinko seeing him too hired a taxi to follow him.

Titu was coolly watching the Tower when he realised someone's hand on his shoulder.

He was stunned seeing what he saw. He screamed in fright, "Oh, now I am dead. Jinko, don't eat me. I am sorry for having troubled you in Sundervan. Please forgive me, please…."

"Ha..ha… I have come here to feast on you not to forgive you. No one can save you now," and Jinko extended her hand to catch him.

But Titu Rat caught her tail promptly and bit her.

"The rat has bit my tail, ueee…" she screamed in pain.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, Titu ran inside Petronas Tower on to its terrace but got stranded on reaching the topmost storey of the tower, as he could not go anywhere after that.

Titu murmured, "I am stuck. I should not have come up. Jinko must be just coming. I will somehow have to save myself."

All of a sudden he gained courage and decided to give the cat a fight. He climbed the boundary of the Tower.

Jinko came heaving and said, "You have made me run and run. Now you cannot escape from here. You are badly trapped now."

"I too am not interested in running any more. I am ready to die. Why don't you pounce on me and eat me up," Titu challenged her.

Jinko Cat immediately leaped on him. Titu was alert. As soon as Jinko leaped, Titu moved aside quickly and Jinko came falling down. Police was standing below. As Jinko fell, her leg broke.

On hearing a thud sound, the police came running to Jinko. Arresting her a policeman said, "Wicked cat, you don't know that it is a crime to commit suicide in Malaysia. So now you be ready to get into prison."

"I was foolish to have got into Titu's temptation. Wish I had not come till here to take revenge on the rat," Jinko whispered to herself.

The cat was put behind bars for 2 years. On the other hand, having got rid of her Titu Rat joined the showroom back and carried on happily. ●

Playing with letters

Given below are 5 words. If you interchange the letters in a word, you will get another word. Then try and form a sentence using both the words.

For example: **ACT changes to CAT**

Sentence: **A film producer wants a cat to act in his film.**

Change these words and make a sentence.

Words: **1. Lure. 2. Moon. 3. Once. 4. Palm. 5. Pins.**

Send your answers at—

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World Around





Yellowstone National Park of America is considered to be the biggest park in the world.



The Broadway, New York is biggest public road in the world.



In India the airport at Laddakh is the highest airport in the world.





America, Australia and Canada have dollars as their national currency.





Australia is the smallest subcontinent in the world.

MEEKU RABBIT planned a trip to Switzerland with his friend Jumpy Monkey in summer vacations. Travel agent Blacky Bear made all arrangements for their boarding, lodging and touring.

With all preparations in place Meeku and Jumpy landed in Switzerland's Garden City in Geneva. The manager of

Wonderful Journey by Train

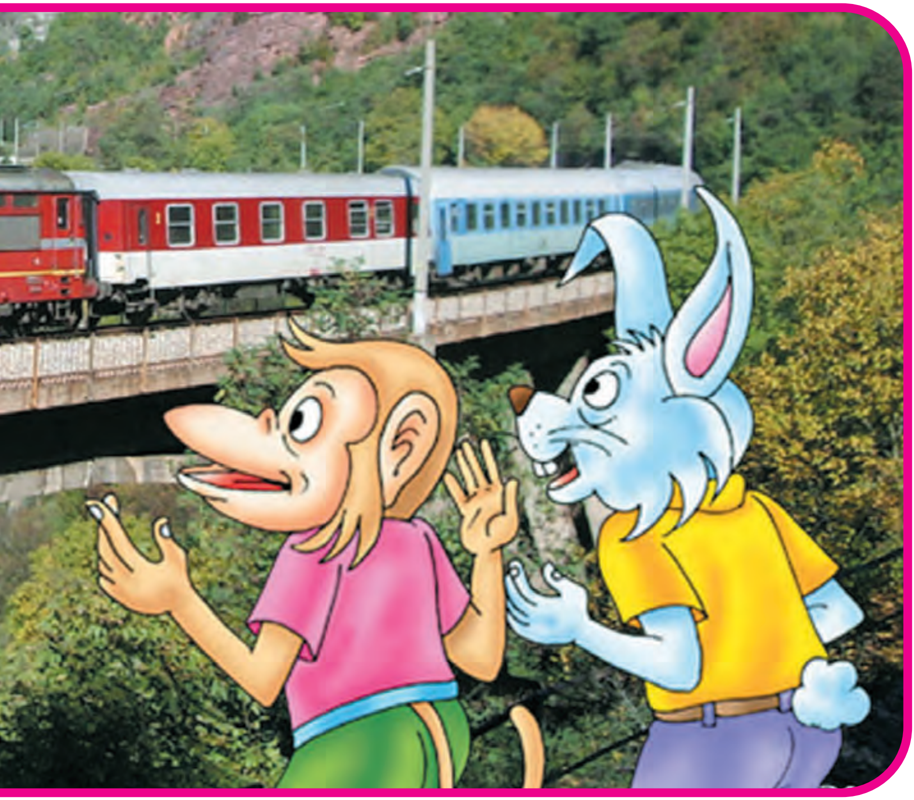


the travel agency had come to receive them at the airport.

He had booked a good hotel for their stay. Meeku and Jumpy took rest in the hotel that day. Next day, guide Timmy Doggy took them to show the city of Geneva. He first took them to 'Jet d'Eau' —the tallest fountain in Europe.

Both friends looked up to see its height

by Pramila Gupta



but could not figure out the tip of the fountain.

Timmy informed them that the fountain goes up to a height of 400-500 feet where the tip naturally cannot be seen."

Meeku was surprised, "We are seeing such a tall fountain for the first time. It is very beautiful."

Timmy then smiled and said, "Come, I will now show you a watch made of flowers."

"Watch of flowers!"

"Yes."

Meeku and Jumpy were so surprised at seeing the watch that they literally jumped. Looking at it carefully Jumpy said, "Oh, it is working."

Meeku avered, "Flowers wither in about 5-7 days but these flowers are absolutely fresh."

"Before the flowers can wither, the watch is made ready," Timmy replied.

Jumpy was amazed, "Human brain is marvelous. It keeps thinking and working on new ideas every time."

Timmy showed them the beautiful building in Geneva, 'Chillon Castle' and other places too.

Then he told Meeku and Jumpy, "Sir, you will have to undertake rest of the journey by train. Here are your tickets and other necessary information."

"Wow! A train journey would be wonderful. We have got bored of travelling by aircraft and cars," Jumpy was excited.

Both the friends reached Luzern city by train. They were too happy seeing the snow-clad mountains and the beautiful city situated around Lucerne Lake. Here they saw the famous 'Lion Monument' and the wooden bridge named 'Kapellbruke'. Seeing the expensive watches

displayed in the showrooms, Meeku was enamored. As he did not have that much money in his pocket, he could not buy any.

Both of them had delicious chocolate of Luzern and bought some too.

After enjoying Luzern the monkey and the rabbit decided to have a ride in the world's first revolving cable car 'Rotair'. The revolving car was taking them on a ride to 3,020 metre high mountain 'Mount Titlis'. They could see snow all around. Both the friends were amazed at fantastic view. Meeku said, "It feels like heaven here."

"We have seen such a beautiful scene for the first time," Jumpy was jumping with happiness.

They got down from the cable car and were tired.

Coming back to the hotel they ate meals and





slept soundly.

The next day they had to go ahead by the splendid Golden Pass train of Switzerland. They boarded the train well in time. It had clean, shining, airy cubicles to sit in without unnecessary noise.

They were travelling for the first time in a train so good. They could very well see the beautiful scene outside through the window. The passengers belonged to different countries and towns. Meeku was fond of talking and therefore made many friends on the way. They did not come to know how time passed and they reached the city of 'Interlaken'. This was a beautiful small city situated between lakes and mountains.

That night they had to put up in a hotel in that city.

The next day they had to travel in a train named 'Cog Wheel' that winded through mountains. This trip was very adventurous and full of pleasure. The train, meandering through the curvy turns of the mountain took them 3,454 metre high Jungfrau Mountain. They got down there and along with other passengers went to see the longest glacier of Alps called, 'Ice Palace'.

They could not help saying, “How beautiful they are. Truly, if there is heaven on earth, it is here.”

They sat and had their meals along with others and returned to Interlaken by the Cog Wheel train.

Jumpy was too happy. He said to Meeku, “We

have roamed in many countries of the world but nothing to beat the adventurous and thrilling trip to Mount Titlis by the cable car and Jungfrau by Cog Wheel train.

"You are forgetting the trip by Golden Pass train. We got to interact with people from various countries on the way. We have made some friends too. They have invited us to their country," Meeku reminded.

"A journey by train is surely better and more comfortable than that by an aircraft. I have heard that like in Switzerland other countries of Europe too have wonderful high speed trains," Jumpy informed.

"I have decided that if I again come to Europe, I will travel by train," Meeku replied.

"But dear, to go to India from Geneva you will have to take a flight."

"You are correct. The day to go back has arrived. Let us go by train to Geneva and then take a flight to India," Meeku said, rather sadly. ●

Find out the mistakes: Win prize - 54

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Karan, *Ghaziabad.*
Rajan, *Bhubaneshwar.* ***Sagan Kumar,*** *Gaya.*

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Agnay Singh, *Katihar (Bihar).*

Massive Buddha of Loshan





The tallest statute of Lord Buddha has been carved out in the one of the peaks of Mount Ligyun near the town of Loshan in southwest of China.

The height of this statue is 71 metres. Its construction began in the year 713 B.C. and completed 90 years later.

This statute is so huge that even the nose of this huge Buddha statute is 3 times bigger than the height of a normal human being.

The mere huge size and the grandeur of this statute of Lord Buddha is unmatched to any other Buddha's statute in the world and is a great treat to the eyes.



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by Pramila Gupta

World's Eighth Wonder

JUMPY MONKEY reached Beijing, the capital of China for a tour. Like New York and London, Beijing too was a very big and beautiful city. As he did not no Chinese language, Jumpy took guide Blacky Bear with him. Blacky made him visit all tourist places of Beijing — the Great Wall of China, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace. The bear then said to Jumpy, "Sir, if you want, I can show you the eighth wonder of the world too."

Jumpy was surprised, "I have heard about the 7 wonders of the world. Where has the eighth wonder come from?"

"Sir, this you will only come to know after seeing," Blacky replied.

Jumpy immediately got ready to have a look at the eighth wonder.

Blacky reached Shenyang city in Beijing with Jumpy by flight. Keeping their luggage in the hotel, both boarded an AC bus and went to see 'Terracota Army Museum' in Xi'an city.

They were very happy to see the natural beauty and big gardens outside the museum. On going inside they could see everything made of concrete and stones. He thought that the Chinese were amazing — beautiful natural landscaping outside and wonders of technology inside. Such strange

—The Terracota Army





union. On the gates of the museum was written history of Terracota Army in Chinese that was depicted pictorially inside. Blacky told Jumpy, "About 220 B.C. or 2200 years ago from now there was an army of 6 lakh soldiers made of concrete and stones. With time and natural calamities, they got buried in the earth and the land was being used for farming."

"Then?"

"Then in 1974 one day when a farmer was pulling out water from the earth, a soldier's head appeared in his bucket. The farmer immediately informed the officials about it.

They started digging the place. Is not it true?" Jumpy quickly carried the sentence forward.

"You are right. On digging, a huge army of soldiers made of concrete and stones was found. Broken legs, arms and some other parts of their bodies were found. Craftsmen tried and repaired the Terracota Army. They thought of making it a museum. In 1979 this museum was opened for viewers," Blacky said.

Jumpy saw that there was a big crowd waiting outside to see the museum. He was surprised. He said to Blacky, "There must be some reason to get such a big army of concrete made."

Blacky replied, "It is a long story. It will take time to narrate."

"You carry on. I will listen."

Blacky narrated, "2200 years early a powerful

king named Qin-She-Huang captured the tiny states of China and founded a big nation. He made Xian-Yang city his capital."



Jumpy asked, "What is the meaning of Qin-She-Huang?"

Blacky replied, "The first king of China."

In spite of being powerful Huang was frightened of his enemies. So he got the Great Wall of China made for protection from enemies. It took a long time for this wall to be constructed. Not just that, he had a strong army of 6 lakh soldiers too.

"All this is all right, but…"

"He wanted to keep himself protected even after his death. He had got his cemetry made even before his death and had deployed 6 lakh soldiers of concrete and stone for his protection.

Jumpy was observing the soldiers carefully. He said, "These soldiers don't resemble one another."

"You are right. The craftsmen were given orders by the king that the soldiers faces should resemble the faces of his real soldiers. They must have similar weapons. The uniform of the soldiers were painted with dark red, yellow and blue paints," Blacky informed.

"Then surely the king was not only powerful but intelligent too. That is why he could plan the Great Wall of China and got the Terracota Army made," Jumpy said.

"Yes, these days it is difficult to get such a big and wonderful army out of concrete and stones. This was made 2200 years ago."

Jumpy asked, "Lakhs of craftsmen must have got down to make this?"

"It is believed that the king had deployed 7 lakh craftsmen for this work. How much time did they take to complete this work, it is not known," Blacky replied.

"Surely, this is one big wonder. But why is it not famous as the Great Wall of China?"

"Sir, people of the world are hearing about the Great Wall of China since a long time, whereas this Terracota Army has just been discovered 30 years before. You will see that this wonder too will be soon famous in the world," Blacky said.

"I am so thankful to you Blacky to have shown me this wonder. It is time for me to go. I will surely meet you when I come here next," bidding farewell to Blacky Jumpy said.

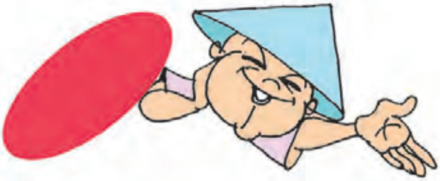
"This is my work, sir. There is no need of thanking. I am glad that you liked it. Good Bye, sir." ●

Lineage of elephants

Long ago, giant animals known as 'mammoths' roamed the earth. They perished over the time. Only 2 descendants of those species have remained. They are the African and Asiatic elephants.

Elephants are the largest land animals and have a patient and gentle nature.

They can be more easily trained than any other animal except the domestic dog.



Japan

Japan is one of the most modern countries of the world.

The capital of Japan was changed from Kyoto to Edon in 1968, which now-a-days is known as Tokyo.

In 1968 the Government of Japan decided to transform Japan into a strong and prosperous nation like developed western countries.

This led to a great industrial revolution in Japan. Heavy factories came up in which state of art aircrafts, radars, weapons systems, electronics etc were manufactured.

America dropped atom bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But Japan re-established itself as one of the most prosperous, strong and technically advanced nation by its sheer will-power and self-confidence.



The Flag of Japan.

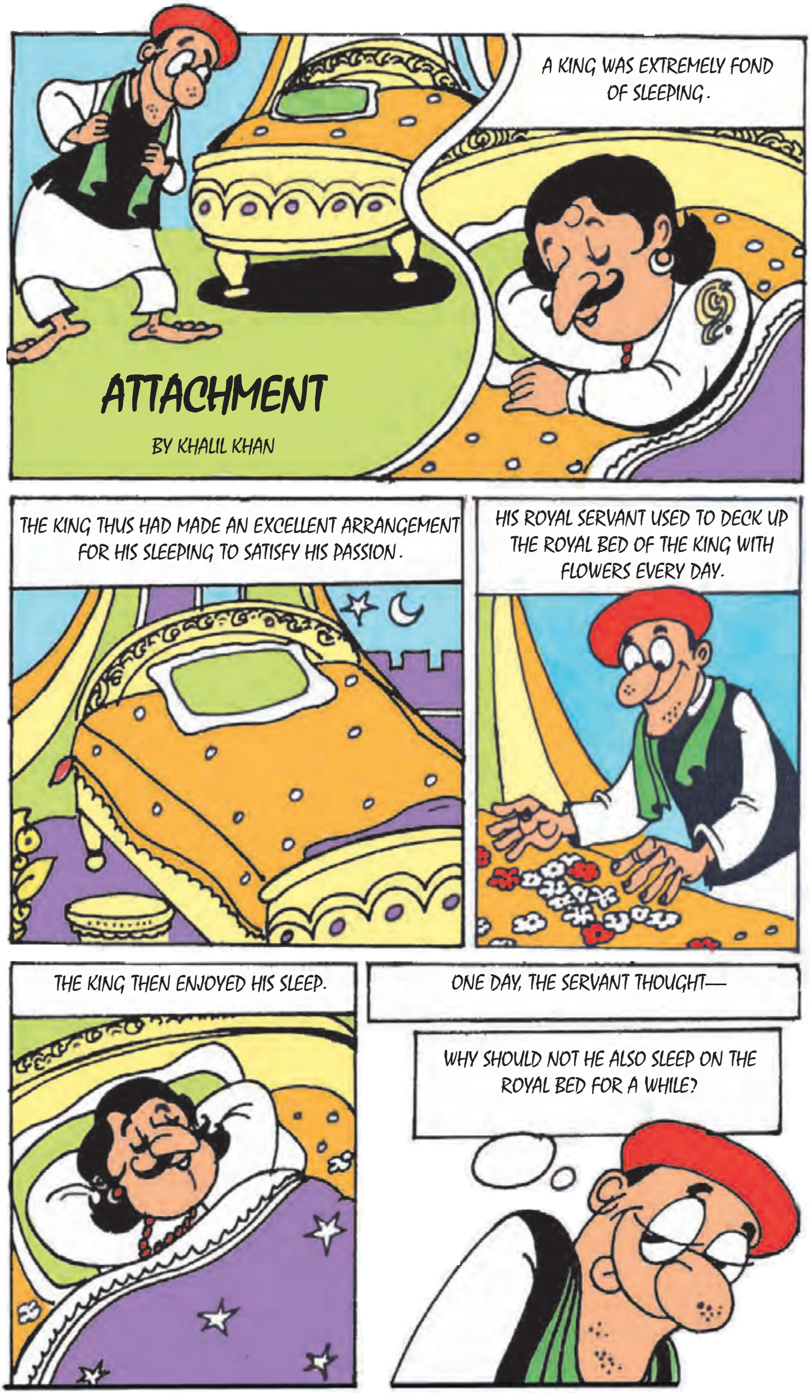


Test of Japanese robot.



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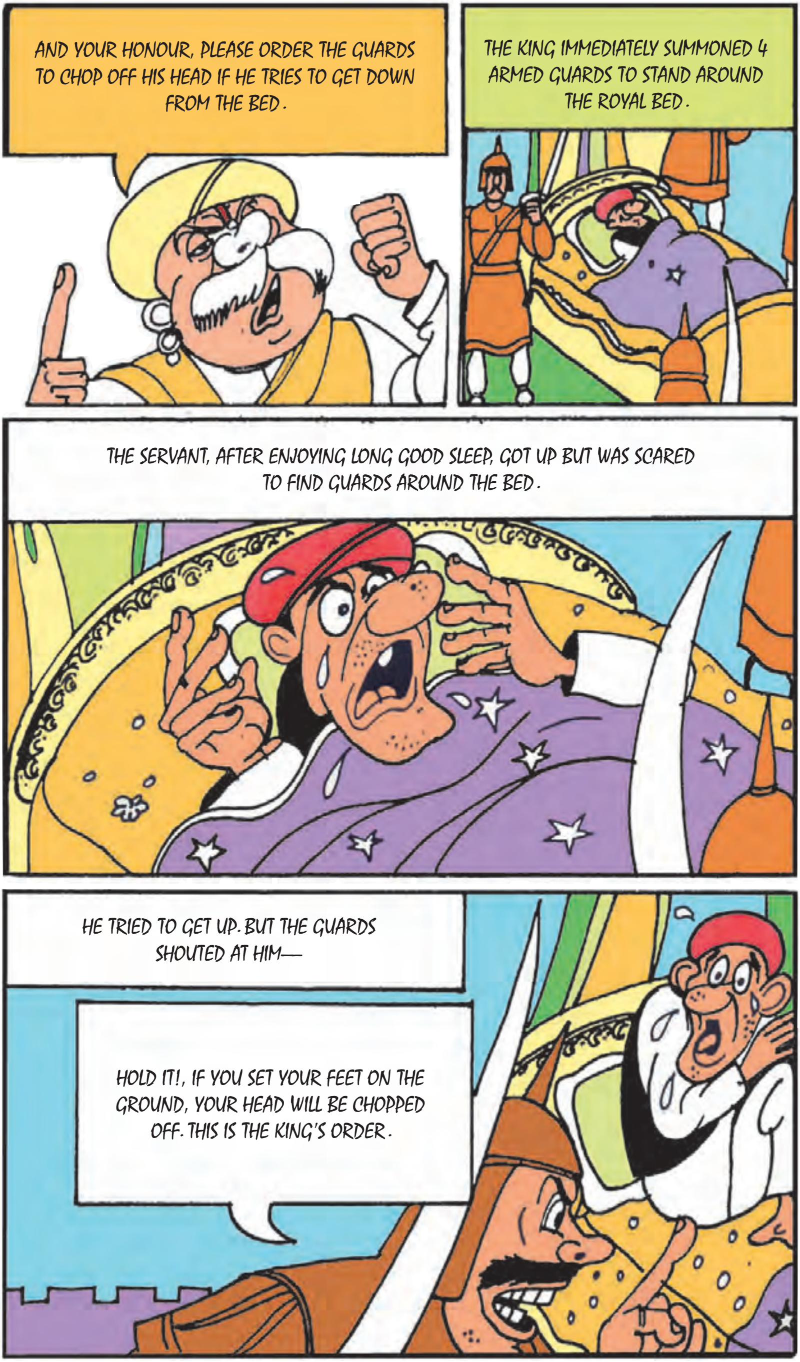



A KING WAS EXTREMELY FOND OF SLEEPING.
ATTACHMENT
BY KHALIL KHAN
THE KING THUS HAD MADE AN EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENT FOR HIS SLEEPING TO SATISFY HIS PASSION.
HIS ROYAL SERVANT USED TO DECK UP THE ROYAL BED OF THE KING WITH FLOWERS EVERY DAY.
THE KING THEN ENJOYED HIS SLEEP.
ONE DAY, THE SERVANT THOUGHT—
WHY SHOULD NOT HE ALSO SLEEP ON THE ROYAL BED FOR A WHILE?



WHEN THE ROYAL SERVANT SHARED HIS WISH HIS FRIEND, IT MADE HIM SCARED—
HE WARNED HIM AND SAID THAT HE SHOULD NOT EVEN DARE TO COMMIT SUCH A MISTAKE. IF THE KING COMES TO KNOW ABOUT HIS AUDACIOUS ACT, HE WOULD BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.
THE SERVANT DID NOT PAY ANY HEED TO HIS FRIEND'S WISE ADVICE AND SAID—
IF I SLEEP FOR LITTLE WHILE HOW ON EARTH THE KING WOULD KNOW HIS ACT?
THE SERVANT'S FRIEND TRIED A LOT TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND, BUT COULD NOT SUCCECED.
TO FULFILL HIS DREAM, THE SERVANT ONE DAY, WENT TO THE ROYAL BEDROOM AND WENT TO SLEEP ON THE KING'S BED.
IN JUST COUPLE OF SECONDS, THE SERVANT WENT OFF TO SLEEP.


AS THE LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THE KING AT THAT VERY MOMENT ENTERED HIS BEDROOM, AND BECAME FURIOUS AT THE AUDACIOUS ACT OF HIS SERVANT, SLEEPING ON HIS ROYAL BED.
THE KING IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE PRIME MINISTER.
WHAT WOULD BE AN IDEAL PUNISHMENT FOR HIS AUDACIOUS MISTAKE?
THE PRIME MINISTER WAS INTELLIGENT. HE SUGGESTED—
YOUR HONOUR! LET HIM SLEEP HERE ONLY. THIS IS HIS IDEAL PUNISHMENT.
WHAT KIND OF PUNISHMENT IS THIS? ASKED THE KING.
LET ME COMPLETE FURTHER, YOUR HONOUR. LET THERE BE 4 ROYAL GUARDS WIELDING SWORDS IN THEIR HANDS BE AROUND THIS BED.


AND YOUR HONOUR, PLEASE ORDER THE GUARDS TO CHOP OFF HIS HEAD IF HE TRIES TO GET DOWN FROM THE BED.
THE KING IMMEDIATELY SUMMONED 4 ARMED GUARDS TO STAND AROUND THE ROYAL BED.
THE SERVANT, AFTER ENJOYING LONG GOOD SLEEP, GOT UP BUT WAS SCARED TO FIND GUARDS AROUND THE BED.
HE TRIED TO GET UP. BUT THE GUARDS SHOUTED AT HIM—
HOLD IT!, IF YOU SET YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND, YOUR HEAD WILL BE CHOPPED OFF. THIS IS THE KING'S ORDER.


THE SERVANT WAS SCARED AND HE KEPT SITTING ON THE ROYAL BED.
HE KEPT SITTING ON THE BED FOR THE WHOLE DAY, BUT HE WAS TOTALLY FED UP WITH THE STRANGE ORDER OF THE KING.
WHAT A PROBLEM I HAVE LANDED IN?
WHEN THE 2ND DAY TOO PASSED AWAY WHILE SITTING ON THE ROYAL BED, HE BROKE DOWN AND STARTED CRYING.
LET ME GO HOME. THIS BED IS FULL OF THORNS TO ME NOW.
IT WAS MY LIFE'S BIGGEST BLUNDER TO SLEEP ON THIS BED.
I WILL NEVER EVER COME NEAR TO THIS BED FOR THE REST OF LIFE.

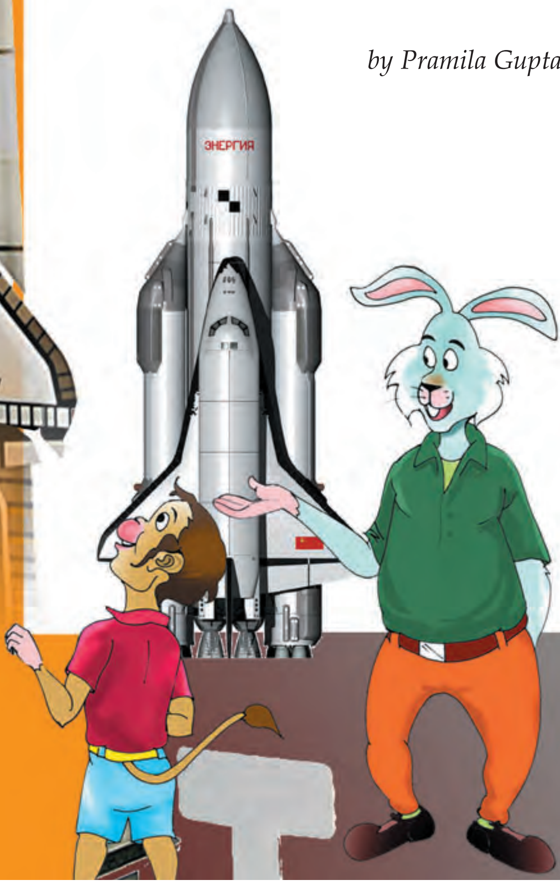

AT THAT TIME, THE KING CAME TO THE BEDROOM FOLLOWED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO SAID—
YOUR HONOUR! LET THE SERVANT BE FREED NOW AS HE HAS FACED THE PUNISHMENT.
THE SERVANT GOT UP AND FELL AT THE FEET OF THE KING AND STARTED CRYING.
YOUR HONOUR! PLEASE FORGIVE ME. IT WAS MY BIGGEST MISTAKE IN MY LIFE.
THE KING EXCUSED HIM AND ALLOWED HIM TO CARRY ON.
THE KING SAID TO THE PRIME MINISTER—
MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU SUGGESTED A VERY APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT FOR THE SERVANT. HAD I AWARDED ANY OTHER PUNISHMENT; HE WOULD NOT HAVE SHED HIS ATTACHMENT FOR THE BED.
PRIME MINISTER SAID—
YES YOUR HONOUR! NOW HE HAS REALISED THAT ONE SHOULD NOT BE ATTACHED TO ANYTHING AND RATHER BE CONTENDED WITH WHAT ONE HAS.
MORAL : ATTACHMENT TO ANYTHING IS BAD IN LIFE.

JUMPY MONKEY had come first in the Space Science Competition with an award of a trip to Kennedy Space Centre and its surrounding areas. On the stipulated date Jumpy reached Orlando by flight. Meeku Rabbit was present at the airport to welcome Jumpy. The managers had given Meeku Rabbit the responsibility of looking after Jumpy.

Meeku took Jumpy to a good hotel. "You must be tired in the

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journey. Take rest today. We will go to Kennedy Space Centre tomorrow."

Jumpy was actually very tired. He had travelled for so long for the first time. He dropped off to sleep immediately.

Next day, Meeku reached the hotel to take Jumpy along. While going to Kennedy Space Centre in the car Meeku said, "Kennedy Space Centre is situated in Merritt Island which is 34 miles long and 5 to 10 miles wide."

First of all Meeku took Jumpy to the Visitor's Complex in Kennedy Space Centre. There he got him introduced to space traveller Mark Kelly who had gone to Alfa Space Station in 2001. "You may be knowing that Mark Kelly's twin brother Scot Kelly had also gone to space to repair Hubble Space Telescope."

"Sir, I know that Scot Kelly had gone to space to repair Hubble Telescope but the fact that Scot Kelly is the twin brother of Mark Kelly was unknown to me."

The Visitor's Complex was full with viewers. Mark Kelly



was telling everyone about various satellites and spaceships on video and about his interesting experiences of space travel.

Jumpy was having a nice time hearing the incidents. He said to Meeku, “I have read books about space, heard from my teacher but am hearing it straight through a space traveller for the first time. It is very interesting.”

Meeku answered, “This is special programme. Each day an astronaut is present here who narrates his experience about space to the audience. He answers their queries too. Now let us go ahead.”

Both reached the 'Early Space Exploration Hall'. The history of American Space Programme was displayed through big pictures and posters put on the walls.

Jumpy said, “I will get to read the history of American missions from books. You must show me the special attractions and interesting places here.”

“Ok,” and Meeku took Jumpy to the Space Shuttle Centre and showed him huge Space Station

modules. From the gallery Jumpy looked down to see the equipments and machines used to make spaceship. They were amazing. He could not believe his eyes.

In the evening realising that Jumpy was tired Meeku offered, "Come, I will drop you to the hotel now. Go and rest. We will see all places gradually in 3-4 days."

The next day Meeku took Jumpy to a big elevated hall. Both got seated on chairs. There was a screen as high as 5-storey building. Two Imax films were being shown. These films were shot by the astronauts during their space journeys. Jumpy was highly excited seeing Imax films.

The third day, Meeku took Jumpy to show him the 60 feet high Observation Tower of LC Observation Gantry. They could see the launch pad of the Space Shuttle from the tower.

Meeku informed, "A special permission is to be sought to go to the launch pad. Most of the people like watching the launching of the satellite from their homes comfortably."

The scientists of America were giving the latest information to the viewers about the space programme from the Launch Status Centre. Those rockets that had gone in the space with the spaceships were kept in the garden. Meeku showed Jumpy the huge models of 'Mercury Redstone' that took Alan Shepard to space and 'Mercury Atlas' that took John Glenn to space.

For Jumpy, it was like a dream. He was actually dreaming. Suddenly, he heard Meeku's voice, "Come on, let us see the spaceship from inside."

Meeku took Jumpy to 'Space Shuttle Plaza'

where a model of a spaceship was kept. As they entered inside the shuttle, they felt weightless. Jumpy was frightened.

Meeku explained to him, “There is no need to be scared. We will soon get out. Here the viewers can see and feel how astronauts live, sleep, work, exercise and eat in space.”

In a very short span of time Jumpy was feeling unwell. He said, “Let us go out. It is really very difficult to go in the space shuttle.”

Meeku came out with Jumpy. Jumpy did not know how 5 days passed in Kennedy Space Centre touring around. One day, Meeku clicked Jumpy's photograph in standing posture with the astronauts’ outfit.

The last day, Meeku took Jumpy to Cape Canaveral Space Port. “This is the world's largest store where more than 8,000 space related things, mementos and gifts are displayed.”

Meeku said to Jumpy, “You are our guest. You can buy gifts for your friends and family from here. You will not have to pay anything.”

On a lot of insistence, Jumpy took some gifts for his friends and family and thanked Meeku, “I had never thought in my dreams that I would ever get the opportunity to see NASA's Cape Kennedy Space Centre that too as a gift. This will be the most memorable trip of my life.”

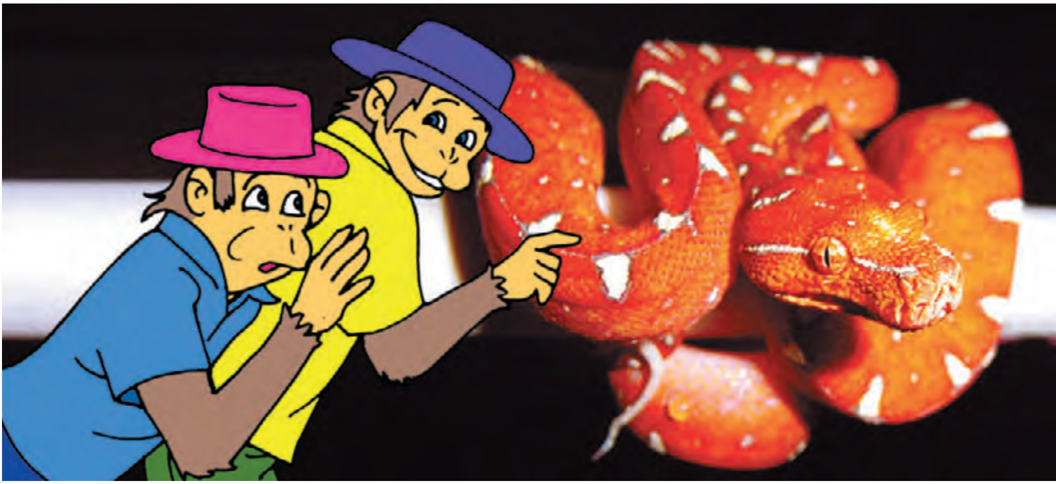
Meeku said, “You have so much interest in space science. You will surely become a great space scientist one day. Work hard and complete your studies and bring glory to the nation by becoming a great space scientist.”

With best wishes Meeku bid Jumpy good bye.●

by Sudha Goswami

Jumpy Monkey in East Asia

JUMPY MONKEY was very excited and happy. And why he should not be? He had earned a travel ticket to East Asia for himself and for his friend Munky. He earned the free ticket by excelling in the dance competition.



For Jumpy Monkey it was the first opportunity to travel by air and to sit in an airplane. First, they arrived in the land of white elephants—Thailand. They were extremely delighted to see the herds of white elephants. They got an opportunity to enjoy Thai food, which was a mouth-watering experience for them.

They saw the small bores that lived in the caves found in Thailand.

Then they arrived in Malaysia — the country known for its dense rain forests. The red python is found in these rain forests of Malaysia.

"What will happen if the red python swallows us?" Munky expressed his fear.

"Do you know, compared to other pythons in the



world, the body of the red python is large and heavy," said Jumpy.

"Yes, I know that. I also know that largest python found in the Southeast Asia could be as long as 9 metres. These pythons are also known as shrinking pythons. These are hot blooded reptiles and these pythons wrap around the body of their prey and squeeze him to death to swallow in one piece," said Munky.

"My God! If I see a rope in dark, I feel it to be a

snake. I am too scared of snakes," said Jumpy Monkey to express his phobia for snakes.

"Don't worry, we will not venture in the jungles where they are found," assured Munky smilingly.

They arrived in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. They went around the Cathedral Cave. In the Cathedral Cave of Batu Caves outside Kuala Lumpur, yearly function known as Hindu 'Thaipasm' is organised.

After visiting Malaysia, they went to Indonesia. This country is a group of islands in the Indian Ocean, where you can find high jumping Bismark Vixen. Indonesian group of island consists of Java, Sumatra, East Indies, Timore, Hariyan Jaya etc. Jakarta is the capital of Indonesia.

Then they went to the Singapore, the country famous for its high rise buildings. The capital of Singapore is also known as Singapore.

Looking at the tall buildings in Jakarta made Munky's neck stiff and he dropped his cap as well.

"It is so hot and sultry here," remarked Munky, wiping his sweat beads.

"I know, because this place falls right on the equator and you get sunlight at 90 degrees which makes this place very humid and hot," said Jumpy.

"And the land area is just 640 square kilometres and with huge population, this country has a very high population density."

"You know the national flag of this country has 2 lengthwise equal red over white bands with crescent and 5 stars," Jumpy Monkey explained about the national flag.

"And just see how clean this place is," said Jumpy as he looked at the clean roads.

"Naturally, because anybody who makes this place dirty is fined heavily. And you better be careful not to drop banana skins, toffee wrappers or the nut shells. You must dispose the garbage only in the dustbins," cautioned Munky, as he knew Jumpy Monkey was in the habit of littering waste all around.

"I must say this is really wonderful place. I wish if our country too has the law to fine anybody found littering," said Jumpy.

"I have heard that shopping is very cheap. Let us go to the market. I have to buy pair of glasses. You know my eyesight is not good," said Jumpy Monkey. Munky took his friend to the market.

They also watched Cultural Carnival festival of Singapore. They enjoyed people sporting colourful dresses and masks.

"Do you know there is a famous island known as 'Cemetery of Dacoits' here?" said Munky.

"Yes, I know it is Sentosa Islands in the south of Singapore. It is a famous amusement park."

"Really! I thought it must be cemetery occupied by ghosts of dacoits," said Munky.

"Do you really believe that there are ghosts in today's modern times? There are excellent places for swimming and golf. There is also a Sea Museum and a huge aquarium. We will visit that place some other time. Right now we will go to the Asia's biggest hub the 'World Trade Centre'," suggested Jumpy Monkey. Later, they went to the 'World Trade Centre'. They were happy to visit Singapore. In a week's time they travelled around in 4 countries. At the end of their visit to East Asia, they took a cab to the Changi International Airport in Singapore to board a flight to Champakvan. ●

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